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1. WE INFORMED FONDEPT (AMERICAN DIRECTORATE CHIEF SAMIL) MARCH 12 OF SUGGESTED TIMING LOS TEAM VISIT (REF A). FONDEPT ADVISED US MARCH 14 THAT ALTHOUGH "FINAL OK" FROM HANKAM (DEFENSE) NOT YET FORTHCOMING, IT ALMOST CERTAIN ALL GOI PARTICIPANTS WILL AGREE TO MARCH 25-26. (SUGGEST MOORE AND TEAM PLAN ON THIS BASIS AND WE WILL KEEP PRESSING FOR "FINAL OK".)

2. ACCORDING FONDEPT, INDONESIAN TEAM WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY HANKAM CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AIR VICE MARSHALL SUDARMONO WITH ABOUT ACTUAL REPRESENTATION (2-3 MEMBERS EACH) FROM FONDEPT AND HANKAM.

3. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY APPARENT ACCEPTANCE IN REF A OF "CONSULTATIONS ON ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE." AS INDICATED REF B, WE BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER PROVIDE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT OUR OBJECTIVES SHOULD COVER ENTIRE RANGE OF MAJOR BILATERAL LOS ISSUES--PARTICULARLY STRAIT OF MALACCA--AND ASSUME THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

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4. TO AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION MOORE TEAM PLANS DISCUSS ONLY ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY USED TERMS SUCH AS "CONSULTATIONS RE LOS MATTERS" WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND URGE DEPARTMENT AND MEMBERS OF MOORE TEAM TO DO SAME. IF INDONESIANS ENCOURAGED IN ANY WAY BELIEVE MOORE TEAM WILL DISCUSS ONLY OR MAINLY ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE, CHANCES FOR SATISFACTORY OUTCOME WILL BE SERIOUSLY LESSENERD.

5. IN VIEW SENSITIVE NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS, WE PLAN NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT, BELIEVE IT SHOULD RECEIVE AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE, AND MOORE TEAM SHOULD

RESPOND NON-SUBSTANTIVELY TO POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO TAKE THIS POSITION WITH GOI DURING PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS, AND TO RESPOND IN NEGATIVE TO ANY MEDIA REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WITH MOORE TEAM.

6. RE TEAM'S ACCOMODATIONS, AMBASSADOR AND DCM (NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS) WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE ENTIRE TEAM STAY WITH THEM; ACCOMODATIONS WOULD CONSIST OF FOUR DOUBLE ROOMS. IF SINGLES PREFERRED, WE CAN TRY SPLIT TEAM BETWEEN TWO RESIDENCES AND HOTEL INDONESIA--THOUGH HOTEL SPACE VERY TIGHT IN VIEW FORTHCOMING PATA CONFERENCE.
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